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APPLICANT: ROTHSCHILD, et al. GROUP ART NO: 1655
SERIAL NO: 09/380,419 EXAMINER: Goldberg, J.
FILED: July 24, 2000
TITLE: MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR GENE AND USE AS A
GENETIC MARKER FOR FAT CONTENT, WEIGHT GAIN,
AND/OR FEED CONSUMPTION OF ANIMALS

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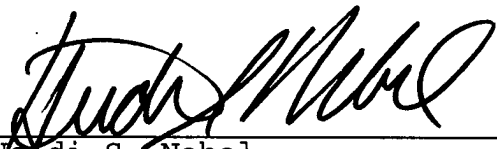
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